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SUBJECT: WEIZMAN COMMENT ON SC RESOLUTION 425

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1. YOU WILL HAVE NOTED IN SEPTTEL THAT BEGIN TOLD THE
SECRETARY ON MAY 1 THAT ISRAEL HAD COMMITTED ITSELF TO
WITHDRAW COMPLETELY FROM LEBANON AND WOULD DO SO. WE
ALSO GOT THE STRONG IMPRESSION FROM HIM THAT A SPECIFIC
DATE WOULD BE SET, IN CONSULTATION WITH UNIFIL, AS SOON
AS FEASIBLE AFTER BEGIN RETURNS TO ISRAEL.

2. RATHER THAN DEALING DIRECTLY WITH WEIZMAN'S TROUBLESOME INTERPRETATION OF 425, AS DESCRIBED TO SIILASVUO, WE SUGGEST YOUR SEIZING AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH WEIZMAN WHAT BEGIN SAID TO US ON MAY 1. WE DO NOT WANT TO DIGNIFY WEIZMAN'S ABSURD INTERPRETATION THAT 425 DOES NOT APPLY TO THE CHRISTIAN AREAS, NOR DO WE WANT TO PUT HIM IN A POSITION WHERE HIS PRESTIGE IS COMMITTED TO THIS PARTICULAR INTERPRETATION.

3. IF, HOWEVER, WEIZMAN REPEATS TO YOU THE INTERPRETATION HE MADE EARLIER TO SIILASVUO, YOU SHOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS FIRMLY:

-- RESOLUTION 425 APPLIES TO ALL OF LEBANON, INCLUDING CHRISTIAN AREA.

-- ISRAEL'S COMMITMENT TO IMPLEMENT 425 AND TO WITHDRAW FROM ALL OF LEBANON IS NOT QUALIFIED NOR SHOULD IT BE QUALIFIED IN ANY WAY. VANCE

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